

REMARKS

I. Restriction Requirement

The Examiner restricted claims 93-113 into four groups, as detailed at page 2 of the Office Action.

Group I: claims 96-102, drawn to a polypeptide;

Group II: claims 103-110, drawn to an antibody;

Group III: claims 111 and 112, drawn to a method of detecting an antibody; and

Group IV: claim 113, drawn to an isolated nucleotide.

In response, Applicants elect Group 1, claims 96-102, drawn to a polypeptide, with traverse. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the grounds that the search and examination of at least Groups I and IV are not unduly burdensome to the Examiner.

II. Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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